

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The altar greens are given
by Jean and Steve Greene
to the Glory of God
and in honor of
their grandchildren,
Meredith, Campbell, Cooper and Ethan

To donate flowers, please contact Becky Kirtley
at 252-331-3431.

LICENSES

Some music for our worship service is offered with
permissions granted by One License A-784965.

ASSISTING IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne
Lead Pastor

Rev. Erin Yow
Associate Pastor

Rev. Steven Coss
Associate Pastor

Michael S. Brannon
Director of Music

Advent Wreath Liturgist
Larry and Lois Rhodes

Chancel Choir
Musicians

Susan Slengluff
Acolyte

Lawrence Stewart
Cross Bearer

Rev. Robert Cannon
Reader

Jean Greene
Altar Guild Volunteer

Jean Greene, Barbara Clay and Becky Kirtley
Communion Servers

Jason Gardner; Keith Anderson
Sound Technicians

GIVING

To support the ministries and missions of First
United Methodist Church, place a gift in the
offering plate, give online through this QR code,
send a check to the church, or give through regular
bank drafts. Thank you for your generosity.



If you have not returned your 2025 Commitment
Card, you may place it in the offering plate today, or
in the deposit opening in the Finance Office.

OCTOBER 2025 GIVING

Funds Needed - \$107,500.00
Funds Received - \$91,410.88

2025 YTD GIVING

Funds Needed - \$1,075,000.00
Funds Received - \$921,247.78



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A warm welcome to
all guests and
newcomers. Please
fill out the
attendance register
on your pew.
All persons are
welcome at First
United Methodist
Church, as
Jesus Christ has
welcomed us into
the love and grace
of God. Our mission
is to change lives
and make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

At the chiming
of the Trinity,
please silence your
mobile devices
and prepare
your hearts
and minds
for worship.

† Please rise in
body or in spirit

FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

CHIMING THE TRINITY

OPENING VOLUNTARY Comfort, Comfort Now My People Richard Lind

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY
Congregational Response
O come, O come, Emmanuel. Prepare our hearts and our world for your coming.

CHORAL INTROIT O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Taylor Scott Davis

† HYMN 203 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed ELLACOMBE
Hail to the Lord’s Anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All pray in silence.
Hear the good news!
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

† RESPONSORIAL HYMN 71 Glory Be to the Father GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

† THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:46-55
THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Timothy 1:1-2; 3:14-16

RESPONSE TO THE LESSON
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Magnificat of Peace Rev. Karen Easter-Bayne

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

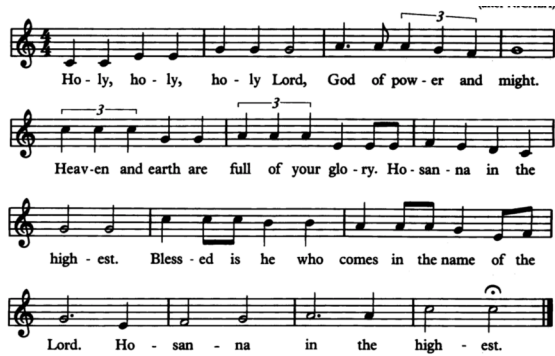
OFFERTORY ANTHEM Will We Know Him? Don Besig

† RESPONSORIAL HYMN 95 Doxology VENI EMMANUEL
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



The ushers will direct you to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; ask your server if needed. If you are unable to walk to the altar, let the usher know and you will be served at your seat. All are invited to join in singing the Communion hymns while others are being served.

THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light HOUSTON
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

I’m looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN 202 People, Look East BESANÇON
People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

† DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL RESPONSE Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Hal H. Hopson

† CLOSING VOLUNTARY Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Michael Burkhardt

As our time of worship comes to an end, our time of service begins; we depart to be the church in the world.

The closing voluntary is offered as a the final act of praise of God. Go forth as the music ends to continue praising the Lord with your life.